

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph number 49 with the following rewritten paragraph:

B1 [0049] Spout 36 includes an elongated opening 57 through which a brush 170 may be inserted to paint directly from the container. Opening 57 may be configured to permit up to a standard one inch brush, or up to a standard two inch, or even up to a standard four inch brush or greater to be inserted into the container directly through the spout 36. Alternatively, a separate opening may be included in the top portion of the container. One such embodiment is illustrated in FIG. 6.